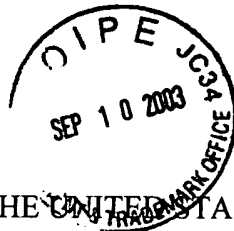


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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

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Sir:

Pursuant to a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114, filed concurrently herewith, Applicant is submitting the following submission in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 11, 2003. Inasmuch as the three-month statutory period for reply is set to expire September 11, 2003, Applicant hereby requests an extension of time for three (3) months and is concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time, together with all requisite fees therefor. However, if the Patent and Trademark Office should deem an extension of time to be necessary, authorization is hereby provided to charge the fee therefor or any fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application to deposit account No. 19-0089.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper